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Volunteers for tree removal

Volunteers are available to help cut, but not haul, downed trees. If you need this service call the VRC at 321-837-6441.

Reference & Referral Library

A library reference and referral center opens Monday, Oct. 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hwy. 90 foyer of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The library is located on the Hwy. 90 service road between Main and Dunbar streets. Disaster recovery information will be available Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Temporary housing

Application for FEMA temporary housing such as camper trailers can be made at FEMA's site at the skate park behind Daddy O's in Waveland, next to Hudsons. Residents are occupying more homes at a number of sites as installation of utilities continues.

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Hancock's recovery is happening one step at a time

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Hancock County has a long way to go in its effort to clean up. Only about seven percent of debris has been cleaned up county wide so far, said county administrator Tim Kellar, but progress is being made.

Ash Britt is the contractor preselected to serve Mississippi by the Corps of Engineers, and that company has subbed out contracts to Euewtah Hemphill and CWP, Kellar said, with more subs hired by those companies. "It's a tier system," Kellar said. The rumor that only trucks registered in Mississippi are being allowed to work is not true, Kellar said.

• So far 718,000 cubic yards of debris in 311 trucks has been hauled in the county, from about ten percent of the public right of way. Also recovered are about 10,000 containers of hazardous materials and 43,000 gallons of fuel. FEMA has received 5,200 requests for travel trailers and placed 663 in group housing and 1,179 on private property, they report. One Emergency Group Site has received approval, and two more are in the permitting



A fleet of Bell South repair crews attempts to restore telephone service on South Touline St. in downtown Bay St. Louis on Friday afternoon.

process, they report. More than 25,000 people in Hancock County have applied for assistance and 17,285 have been approved, FEMA reports.

• FEMA officials said that many public entities have not filed yet for public assistance. The deadline for making requests is October 27.

Public entities do not include private businesses or schools. Private concerns must first go through private insurance and then SBA before

FEMA can assess what they may be qualified to receive.

• FEMA operations

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Sheriff's department still on the job

Looters are continuing to plague Hancock County property owners

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Despite losing most of their patrol cars, weapons, uniforms and other vital equipment during Hurricane Katrina - not to

mention having their offices destroyed by wind and water - the officers of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department have continued enforcing the law.

"During this time my department has worked tirelessly serving our residents," Sheriff Steve Garber said last week. "We have been blessed by having the support of many other law enforcement agencies from several states. Without this support, it would not have been possible to maintain order and discipline during

this recovery period. ... We have much more to do and many hard days ahead and I ask that each of us show patience and compassion for those who have lost everything."

Now, more than five weeks after the storm, many of the

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Hancock hurricane recovery update

FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION:

• Pick up the latest Sea Coast Echo.

• Tune to 103.5 FM WQRZ-LP. Updates happen at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

• Call Hancock County Info Lines, Monday thru Friday at: 228-466-8233 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

• Visit our Web site at hancockcountyeoc.blogspot.com

COUNTY WIDE RESTRICTIONS:

• Curfew south of the railroad tracks is in effect from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

• Curfew north of the railroad tracks is in effect from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSING OF THE RED CROSS FINANCIAL CENTER AT SAV-A-CENTER due to unsafe conditions. The financial center will reopen as soon as it is safe to return.

WEEKLY TOWN HALL MEETINGS being held every Saturday in Bay St. Louis at the old Train Depot at 6 p.m.

FREE INTERNET SERVICE available at K-Mart provided by the Mississippi University Extension.

GETTING A POWER POLE PLACED on your property? FEMA provides the pole, but you must get a permit from the county or cities to place it. You must also work with your utility company to get service and may be required to pay a deposit.

NO RECONSTRUCTION PERMITS ARE BEING ISSUED in Hancock County until all properties have been assessed for damage and building design standards updated based on new FEMA flood maps.

HICKORY BRIDGE has been repaired and is reopening this weekend.

BAY ST. LOUIS - HANCOCK COUNTY LIBRARY REFERENCE AND REFERRAL CENTER OPENING 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday, October 10 in the Hwy 90 foyer.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE is available at 866-255-4495 and at MEMA Disaster Recovery Center at K-Mart from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

THE POINT OF DISTRIBUTION (POD) at American Legion Post 58 is closed. Other PODs are open at Gulfview Elementary, Fred's, and the Bayou Talla Church.

HANCOCK MEDICAL CENTER EMERGENCY ROOM is open for limited services (triage and see-and-release patients). Full medical services continue at:

• Hancock Medical Center, 24-7, off Highway 90

• North Carolina Medical, 24-7, at K-Mart, intersection of Highways 90 and 603.

• The Old Train Depot, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week at Bookter and Depot Way.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES ARE OPEN in Gulfport, Biloxi, Lost Point. Call 800-772-1213 for more information.

EMERGENCY FOOD STAMP PROGRAM EXTENDED. Those who received October benefits will receive equivalent benefits in November. Watch for more details. People can still sign up for the program. Call 228-466-8233 Monday thru Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for information.

BOIL WATER ALERT issued for Oak Harbor Subdivision.

ELECTRICAL SERVICE: Mississippi Power has waived the deposit/connection fee for current customers. Coast Electric Power Assn. requires no deposit for customers whose current bills are paid. Customers with bills in collection must pay that bill and a \$200 deposit. All Coast customers must pay an activation fee of \$30 and membership fee of \$5.

RED CROSS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CENTER Phone is 1-800-975-7585.

NEED EMERGENCY

CHILD-CARE ASSISTANCE? Get up to 60 days of assistance while you go on job interviews or search for employment. Fill out applications at the Waveland K-Mart next to the Workforce Investment Network (WIN) site.

BOTTLED WATER STORAGE: Keep bottled water in a cool place or in the shade. Info: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/diastasters/hurricanes>.

FEMA has provided 1,728 shelter units to date, and their goal is to add 150 per day.

FEMA TRAILER MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS? Call 1-866-877-6075.

NO FIRES. BURN BAN IS IN EFFECT.

HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT schools start today, Sunday, Oct. 9, at 5:00 pm at 234 Blaize, next to Bay City Grill. It does not matter if you are a member of the organization; all visual artists, writers, poets, musicians, performing artists and artisans in Hancock County are invited to attend.

RETURNING STUDENTS can register from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hancock High, by calling 228-255-0376, or on the web at www.hancock.k12.ms.us. **NEW STUDENTS** register from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 10 and 11 at Hancock High, 7084 Stennis Airport Road.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS WILL NOT BE MANDATORY at Hancock County public schools for this school year. The District asks that students dress appropriately. School breakfast and lunch will be served free until November 30.

BAY ST. LOUIS-WAVELAND SCHOOL BOARD will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, October 10 at Bay-Waveland Middle School in Bay St. Louis.

JANITORIAL STAFF of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District should report to work on Tuesday, October 11 at 10 a.m. Meet in the bus yard at Central Office.

OPERATION SCHOOL CLEANUP at Second Street Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 6-7. Volunteers should bring rakes and gloves and look for Andy Elkins.



What's the Strangest Thing You've Found?? You never know what's going to show up in the aftermath of a hurricane. John Impson could not believe his eyes when he found his old high school letter jacket in the ruins of his home on Mollere Drive in Waveland. The purple and gold Denham Springs High jacket was still on a hanger although somewhat the worse for wear. The jacket had been hung in the attic years before and pretty much forgotten until a few weeks ago.

THE ARTS will meet today

The Arts, Hancock County will hold its first post Katrina meeting today, Sunday, Oct. 9, at 5:00 pm at 234 Blaize, next to Bay City Grill. It does not matter if you are a member of the organization; all visual artists, writers, poets, musicians, performing artists and artisans in Hancock County are invited to attend.

The chief topic is assessing damage to individual artists and art businesses so that we might obtain help. A preliminary report has been submitted to the Mississippi Arts

Commission. The next step is documenting the losses in more detail. There will be information on this and forms available at the meeting.

Another topic is how to make art out of this mess. There is an abundance of raw materials from the hurricane and now is the time to devise ways to use it to make art.

For more information, contact Gwen Impson at 228-263-6530.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS
The Arts, Hancock County is attempting to

reach all visual artists, writers, poets, musicians, performing artists and artisans.

Emergency funding is available to assist artists but we need to know...

- Where are you?
- How are you?
- Describe the extent of your losses.
- What are your immediate needs and your long term needs?
- How can you be reached?

• Do you plan on remaining in Hancock County?

Please call Gwen Impson at 228-263-6530.

Business after hours

Chamber after hours will be held on Thursday, October 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 613 Dunbar Ave. (across from Southern Delights.)

It is an opportunity to join with other businesses and connect business to business.

The event is sponsored by the Merlin Law

Group.

For more information call Hancock Chamber 228-467-9033 or 228-467-9020.

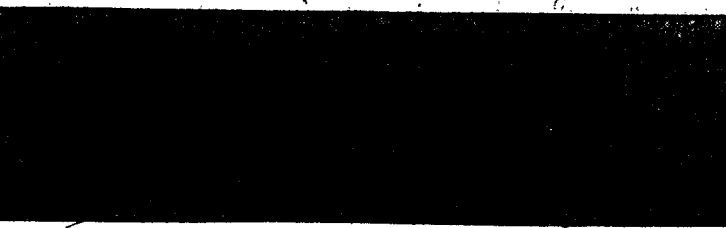
Community-wide cookout today at Methodist church

On Sunday, October 9 at 11:15 a.m., United Methodist Church Main St. will be the site of a community-wide cookout.

The event is hosted by the United Methodist

Men of First UMC of Columbus, MS.

Worship service will be held at 10 a.m.



While cleaning up and working towards a new future for Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, Human Resources is available to you in the trailer located in the Bridges Golf Club parking lot.

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The Doctor is In



Charles Beardsley looks on as Dr. Carol Currier of the Loudoun Medical Group, Loudoun County, Va., examines young Jackson Benigno on Saturday at the free medical clinic at the Old Train Depot on the corner of Bookter and Depot Way. The walk-in clinic is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., seven days a week. Services include wound care, general medical care, basic pharmacy (no narcotics), short-term prescriptions, diabetic care and immunizations. Jackson is the son of Vito and Paula Benigno of Bay St. Louis.

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SBA disaster loans are not just for businesses

Homeowners and renters who suffered damage from Hurricane Katrina are eligible for low-interest disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). "Although we are the Small Business Administration, SBA disaster loans are not just for small businesses. As a matter of fact, SBA makes the majority of its disaster loans to homeowners and renters," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto.

SBA disaster loans are the primary source of federal funds for repairing or rebuilding disaster damage to private property owned by homeowners and renters. Homeowners may borrow up to \$200,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters may borrow up to

\$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property, including vehicles.

SBA's disaster home loans have low interest rates (less than 3 percent) and long terms (up to 30 years), helping to make recovery more financially affordable. SBA tailors loan terms based upon each borrower's ability to repay. According to Barreto, "SBA disaster loans are the main source of money for these hurricane victims to fund repair or replacement costs not covered by insurance or other compensation. And in some cases, SBA can refinance prior mortgages in order to help the victim recover."

SBA representatives are stationed in every Federal/State Disaster Recovery Center to provide program informa-

tion, answer questions, and assist with the application process. Homeowners and renters should begin by contacting the Federal Emergency Management Agency at 800-621-FEMA.

For more, contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955 between 6 a.m. and 1 a.m., seven days a week. The number for the hearing-impaired is 800-877-8339. Business owners may also use that number to obtain an application or they can visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be returned in person to any DRC location or mailed to U. S. Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance, 14925 Kingsport Highway, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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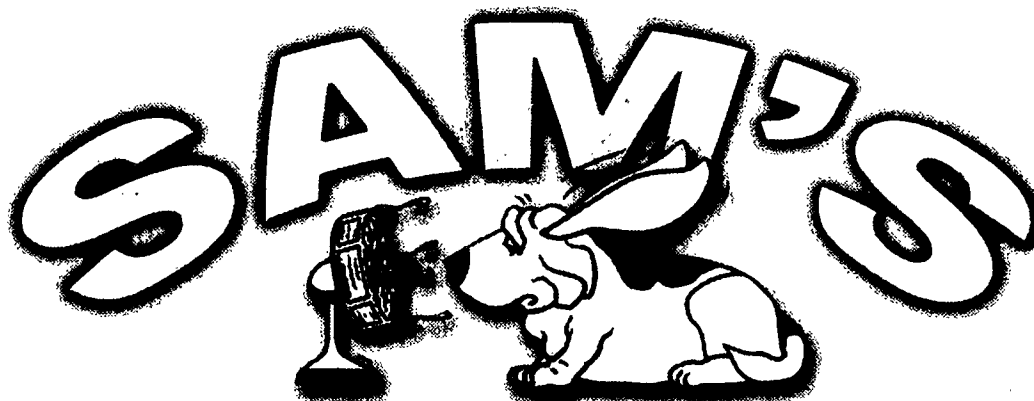
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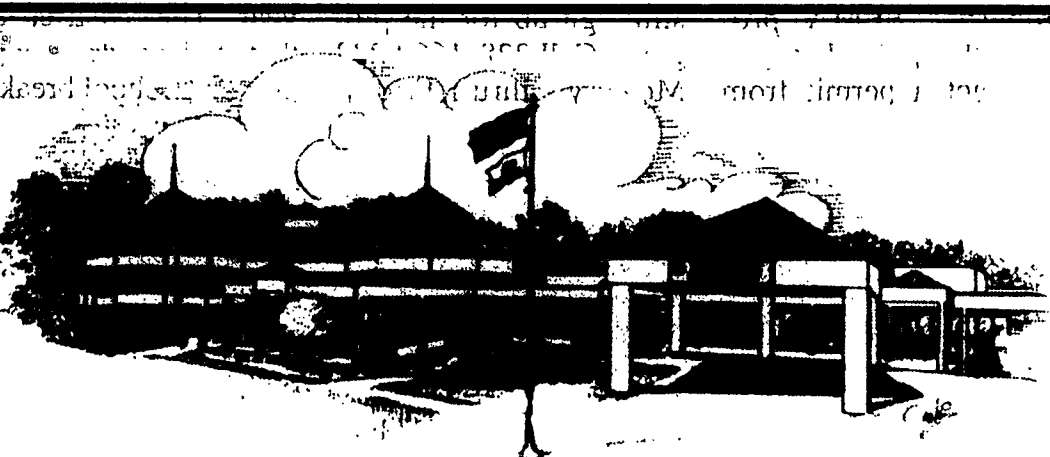
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We will restore additional departments over the next few months. It is our privilege to serve this community, and our mission to provide the best in health services.

THE FOLLOWING PHYSICIANS ARE SEEING PATIENTS:

FAMILY PRACTICE:

Roberta Chilmigras, M.D. - Temporary office at her Waveland clinic
Ron Kellum, M.D. - Indian Hill, Diamondhead
David Roberts, M.D. - Gex Drive, Diamondhead
Opening soon: Sidney Chevis, M.D., Bay St. Louis

INTERNAL MEDICINE:

James Crittenden, M.D. - Temporary office at his Bay St. Louis clinic
Charles A. Kergosien, M.D. - Thurs., Shepherd Square, Diamondhead
& Fridays, Hancock Outpatient Rehab (outside his clinic)
Irene Koskan, M.D. - Temporary office (to be announced)

PEDIATRICS:

Shama Shakir, M.D. - Temporary office next to Whitney Bank, Waveland

OB/GYN:

Jerry Karabin, M.D. - Thursdays, Hancock Outpatient Rehab
& Fridays, Shepherd Square, Diamondhead

CARDIOLOGY:

Jay Libys, M.D. - Gex Drive, Diamondhead by appointment

GENERAL SURGERY:

Brian Anthony, M.D. - Temporary office at his Bay St. Louis clinic
Joseph R. Lee, M.D. - Temporary office (to be announced)

OPHTHALMOLOGY:

Allen Koskan, M.D. - Temporary office (to be announced)



HANCOCK
MEDICAL CENTER

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Ponderings

by James R. "Randy" Ponder
Editor and Publisher

These boots were made for walkin'

My oldest son Jace and I were combing through the old Echo offices on Court Street shortly after the storm surge from Hurricane Katrina destroyed the place.

We were trying to salvage anything we could find, with very limited success. We took a break from the work to walk around the rubble of downtown Bay St. Louis, out to the remains of the railroad tracks to place a few cell phone calls.

On the way out, we both had noticed what appeared to be an almost new pair of high top leather boots near the sheriff's office. We just kept walking and neither one of us said anything about the boots.

On our return trip, we stopped to speak with one of the officers near the Echo building when Jace realized we were standing near those boots we had seen earlier. He reached down and picked up one of the boots, proclaiming that they were his size. The sheriff's officer said the boots had been sitting there for a couple of days and that if he wanted them, to keep them. The boots went home with us. Jace carefully cleaned and proceeded to try them on. A perfect fit! It made his day. He was so proud of those boots, that he could talk of nothing else the whole day.

His reaction caused my mind to race down memory lane to when I was a young boy of seven or eight. Walking home from school one day, I had noticed this fantastic pair of Red Ryder, high-top, leather boots in a store front window.

They had rawhide straps with shiny bright brass buckles, were water-proof and snake-bite proof. I just had to have those boots! It was the first time in my life that I remember wanting something so badly that I just absolutely could not possibly live without them. All I could think about for weeks were those boots.

I didn't realize it at the time, but we were a poor family living in a poor part of town. But my mother saw the look in my eyes and she understood how much those boots meant to me. And somehow she managed to get them for me. It must have been a great sacrifice on her part to use whatever limited means available to purchase such a luxury item when she had five other children to feed and cloth. But she did.

I remember to this day how proud I was of those boots, the way they felt on my feet, the smell of new leather. I was on cloud nine. I could not wait to race outside and show them off to the other neighborhood kids. I was the man! With those fine things on my feet, I could go anywhere, explore the wilds of the woods near our home, go where no boy had ever gone before.

Shoot, Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone would have been impressed!

It's strange how we remember such little, seemingly trivial things and then forget other more important matters. But it's the little things that make us what we are. We have no way of knowing how one little act of kindness or acceptance might impact another person, or how much difference it might make in their lives.

Most people are remembered for the little, routine things they do regularly in their lives rather than for some great accomplishment.

Thanks for the boots mom, I love you.

Wind-driven pain in the ...

When I look at my home I am still thankful it is standing. Compared to some who have lost everything, I am in good shape.

It has been a very busy time cleaning up following the wind driven water that went through our home.

Mop, scrub, ring out, lift, empty, and other things have been tiring chores.

Spraying for mold and mildew, throwing away furniture, things never used, appliances, shoes and much more.

Many folks who had water in their homes report the same thing. Why do we place so many things on the floor and lower shelves?

Katrina stories are

many. One I heard last week really tells about the force of the wind driven water.

Dr. Wesley McFarland of North Beach Bay St. Louis told me the story about a safe he had in his home.

Several days after Katrina, he received a telephone call from a man who said he had something that was his.

Dr. Mac said it took two people to life the

safe.

Well, with further checking with the man, he was told he found the safe in his yard next to the Pirates Cove in Pass Christian. The surge apparently carried the safe across the Bay of St. Louis, which is more than 2 miles across.

The power of water driven by hurricane force winds is very powerful.

One of our problems has been having to travel

from Baton Rouge to work on our home.

Traffic is terrible on I-12 and unbelievable in Baton Rouge with the population increasing by 250,000 over night.

When one has to spend about five hours of driving in a day, one doesn't have much time to work on clean up.

Jane and I are hoping a trailer will arrive, soon from FEMA.

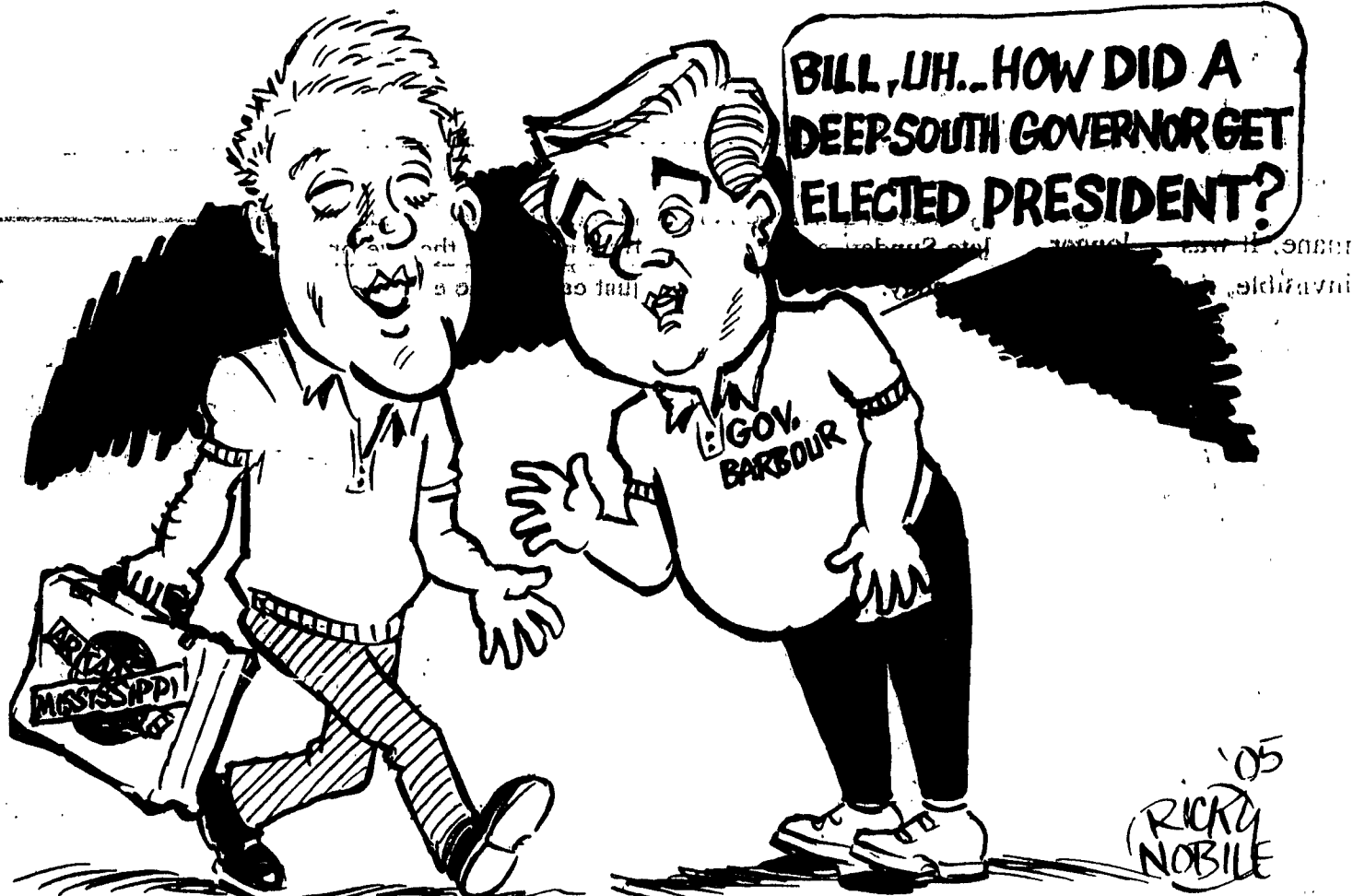
By the way, have you ever had so many uncompleted telephone calls because circuits are busy!

Hopefully, things will be better in communications soon. It is good to see much of the debris being removed. I can't wait to get back in the regular grind.

Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

BILL CLINTON VISITS MISSISSIPPI



Reader having FEMA troubles

Editor:

This letter may be too little too late, but for any of you that have not yet applied for FEMA assistance, take notice.

I evacuated for Katrina with a friend, came back Tuesday after the storm, surveyed the damage caused by the flooding, and was in shock. We spent the night with another friend and left Wednesday morning to get mentally adjusted to what had to be done and to get food, water, and other supplies to bring back to get started.

We came back again on Monday after Katrina with water, food (mostly pork and beans and Vienna sausages) and miscellaneous other supplies necessary for us to set up camp, sharing living quarters on my friends' back porch. My

friend filed a FEMA application via phone while I filed one on line, neither of us seeing or hearing each other's answers to the questions. My friend and I have the same homeowner's insurance company, neither with flood insurance, and neither of us has heard from the company adjuster. My friend has had a FEMA inspection, while I have not even had that yet.

My friend has since received two checks totaling \$7,200 (as have several of my neighbors who are living comfortably inside with relatives or friends), while I have received nothing, and received a letter from FEMA last Friday showing zero "grants" for me while waiting till I hear

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The end of a time

Stella had left her key ring on the table. I was making the notes on what I had to do for the day, get internet connected, get another cell phone for Stella, cancel our old phone service...

I picked them up. Any divergence would be welcome.

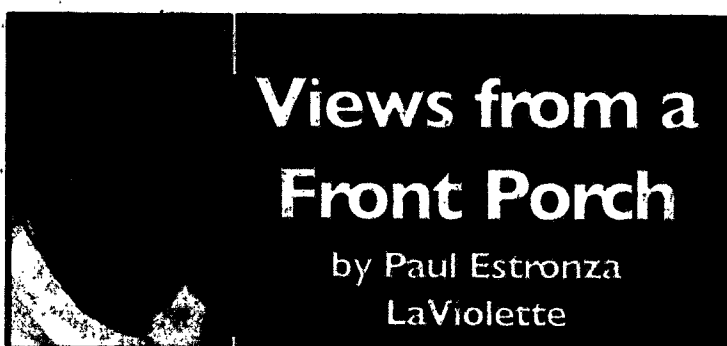
Unlike my own keys, which are on two separate rings, truck keys on one, car keys on another, Stella's keys are on one ring. They made quite a handful. She had lost her keys once. That had been an experience. We had to replace the two vehicle remotes and ignition keys, the house key and the post office box key and it was time-consuming and expensive. But today, looking at the keys on the ring she had left on the table, I realized that if she lost them now, the expense would be small.

I began pulling off keys from the ring that were no longer useable.

The first was my truck key and its remote opener. There was no longer a white Ford Ranger for me to drive around. It had been a wonderfully pleasant truck that I enjoyed driving. I had owned it for less than a year. My jokes about it being white, and thus invisible among the other white pick up trucks on the road was no longer germane. It was no longer invisible; it was brown.

Then came the post office box key. We don't keep a mailbox in front of the house and I collect my mail once a day from the Waveland post office. I suppose it's possible that the small building may be still standing. I doubt it. It was at a comparatively low elevation and, despite being brick, had probably been washed away in the 35' foot storm surge that all of Waveland experienced.

In any case, it would be awhile before the post office operating again. I took the key off and put it aside, sort of something that will come back in use in the



Views from a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza
LaViolette

indistinct future. In doing so, I worried about Terry, the Postmistress and a close friend. Had she left in time? This started a bad line of thinking that I quickly squashed. There were too many unknowns, too many friends that we hadn't heard from.

I looked at the key ring. The last key would be the hardest to remove. It was our house key. Stella and I had lived there for thirty years and we had designed and built much of its sprawling redwood structure.

Last week this time, I was working aboard a 36' trawler owned by Ned, a friend who lived in Pass Christian. He, I and three other close friends had spent the week sailing the eastern end of the Mississippi Sound mapping the debris field of an 1812 naval battle. Noon Friday, the last day of the survey Ned received a call on his cell phone and announced, "Katrina's coming right at us. It's up to a category three and will be here late Sunday, early Monday."

We quickly broke off mapping and headed the trawler back to Bay St Louis and the Casino Magic Marina. We worked securing the boat from the storm. Then, calling the various wives to come and get us, we all went to my house where Stella was waiting with a farewell supper. It was a glorious, wonderful evening that fitted well the ambience of the old house. We sat in the dining room told stories, laughed, spoke about next year until late in the evening and then broke up and said our goodbyes.

Stella and I spent Saturday cleaning up,

lowering storm shutters and clearing things about the grounds. The coming hurricane didn't worry us too much. The house had been built extra strong (one inch plywood, 2x6 studs at 2x4 spacing), the roll down shutters were heavy plastic reinforced with steel strips, and the house elevation at seventeen feet, was fairly high for our area. We felt we could take 130-knot winds and had done so in Hurricane Elaina, a rather bad category 3 storm.

Stella and I went to bed debating on whether we should stay in the house or leave and seek shelter in the morning. We realized that no matter what we decided, the next week would be extremely uncomfortable, but we were not overly worried. We went to sleep.

The next morning, I got up at 6:30 and turned on the weather. Katrina was now a category 4 and would increase to a category 5 by noon. Waveland would get gale winds by noon, hurricane winds by 6 p.m. and the eye or just inside the eye, sometime Monday morning. The winds would be bad, but the surge would be tremendous.

I woke Stella and told her we had just a few hours to leave before the roads became clogged with evacuees. We gathered our important papers together, downloading the two computers to a laptop, packed a few clothes, put Holly in his carrier and, driving Stella's car, left by 10:30. The white truck stayed in the garage.

Monday, we sat in a hotel room in Florida and watched the radar as the storm's eye made its third landfall, this time

directly on the Mississippi coast. Aerial reports the next day indicated the coastal Mississippi coast towns, especially Waveland, Bay St Louis and Pass Christian, had been washed over by a storm surge 35 to 40 feet high that had gone a mile inland.

Not only was our house gone, but our town as well.

We are in Pennsylvania now staying in an old farmhouse, sleeping in the same room that Stella had been born many years ago. Things in Waveland and the Bay are different now. They had been significantly changing the last two years and now, Katrina's drastic changes overshadow all of these. I believe much of the wonderful easy way of small town coastal life that I have so carefully tried to document in my writings and books is gone.

So, as to the keys, it hurt, but I began removing the house key from the ring.

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The name Patsy Dubuissou is synonymous with success in real estate on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Through hard work and superior service she had the opportunity to help literally thousands of buyers and sellers during her thirty-six year career. I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to work along side my Mom for the last five years. She taught me so many important things, however, the most valuable lesson I learned was to put the cares and concerns of those we represented first! I will do my very best to continue to provide the unparalleled service and outstanding results that she was so well known to deliver to her clients. If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

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Recovery

specialist Eric Gentry said the agency is recommending that people from the Pearlinton area temporarily relocate to an Emergency Group Site that will be located on ten acres near Port Bienville. Sewer and water services will be tied to the port and all services will be available at the site, Gentry said.

"We want to emphasize that we are not trying to get people to move out of Pearlinton permanently," said Gentry. "Eighty percent of the wells are contaminated and there is no sewer service. This is an opportunity to remedy the infrastructure problems while people are gone."

Funding is still in place for the collection system in Pearlinton, said Chris Lagarde.

• More FEMA trailers are on the way said Gentry. Some, which were placed on property that inspectors have discovered did not have services available may remain locked until services can be provided. Some trailers were delivered out of the order that they were applied for, admitted Gentry, and some were set on sites without services, but FEMA is working to correct the problems, he said.

• County administrator Tim Kellar said that FEMA asked the county to establish priority lists of people who were necessary personnel in need of temporary housing. The list included emergency personnel, fire and police, school personnel, city and county person-

nel and medical personnel. Travel trailers were provided by FEMA and through private donations for these personnel in Buccaneer and McLeod Parks.

• Building official Mickey Lagasse said he will go to the Pearlington shelter at Charles B. Murphy School to answer resident's questions about rebuilding. No time was set. Lagasse said he would be glad to address any group. To make an appointment please leave a message at 466-8205, he said.

• The rumor that FEMA is pulling inspectors from the area because of concerns about health and safety is not true, said FEMA officials. The rumor that emergency workers in

Pearlington have a mysterious illness is not true, however, long term exposure to areas with a high mold content can cause upper respiratory problems, said officials.

• There will be a barbeque cookout on Sunday, October 9 at 11:15 a.m. at the Main St. Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. Services will be held at 10 a.m.

• Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 4 p.m. at the Hancock High School Vo-tech building. Ask at the information desk for the location.

• The American Red Cross will be moving from the large operation at the Sav-a-Center parking lot to a number of smaller neighborhood locations, to be announced later.

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Sheriff -- on the job

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department's resources have been restored, Garber said.

"Our dispatch center is now fully operational and you can report any incident by calling our regular telephone number 467-5101 or 798-8555."

Despite the department's best efforts, Garber said, looters continue to plague Hancock homeowners.

"We have had many complaints of looting by not only outsiders, but by local residents as well," Garber

said. "At this time, we have arrested over 50 people for looting and my investigative division will pursue this to the maximum extent of the law. I will not allow the residents of this county to be exploited by a few ruthless

thugs who thrive on others' misfortunes."

Anyone arrested and charged with looting is being held at either the Pearl River or Harrison County detention center on a \$25,000 cash bond, Garber said.

Letters -- FEMA

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from my insurance company. I checked today for the 2nd time at the FEMA offices in the KMART parking lot as to the status of my application and was told I did not receive the funds everyone else did because I indicated on my application that my needs were being taken care of, which they basically were, as were my friend's and neighbors, but certainly not in the manner to which we were accustomed.

I explained to the

FEMA agent I talked to that my friend, my neighbors and I were in the exact same boat, but my friend and neighbors had received money and I hadn't. He said it was due to my answers on the application, but there was no way to change them now, and he didn't care what the others had received, each case was individual.

So if you haven't applied yet, don't make the same mistake I did. Heed this important advice: don't be too hon-

est; think "needy." When filing, take a moment to think about the questions and answer them in the way that makes you

appear most needy. According to the agent I talked to, there are no repercussions for answering in such a way to get the most benefits. But there are severe repercussions for those answering too honestly: no money.

Best of luck,
David Bassett
Bay St Louis

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Obituaries

LOIS FOUNTAIN, JR. PEGGY LUXICH PATRICIA MEEKS LINDA TURNER

LOIS FOUNTAIN, JR.
Lois Joseph Fountain, Jr., 75, of Bay St. Louis, MS died October 5, 2005 in Gulfport, MS.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and Post 77 in Waveland, MS and the Masonic Lodge.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Fountain; parents, Lois Joseph & Elzena Lindsay Fountain, Sr.; son, Tom Fountain, step-son, Eugene Fountain; brother Fredrick Fountain; sister Rowena Hoffman.

He is survived by 6 sons & their wives. Jay & Diane Fountain of Waveland, MS, Michael & Janice Fountain of Kiln, MS, Kenneth & Patricia Fountain of Bay St. Louis, MS, Tyrone & Belinda Fountain of Ansley, MS, Glenn & Deborah Fountain of Bay St. Louis, MS and Blaine Fountain of Gulfport, MS; step daughter Mary Ellen Fountain of Stone Mt, GA; 3 brothers, Eldred & Robert Fountain both of Bay St. Louis, Ronnie Fountain of Castrow Valley, CA; 3 sisters, Geraldine McGinley, Marjorie Enos, Jean Shaw all of CA; 14 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren & numerous nieces & nephews.

The visitation will be held on Monday, October 10, 2005 from 9:30 a.m. until service time at 2 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. Interment will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

PEGGY LUXICH

Peggy Regina Luxich, 55, of Bay St. Louis, MS died October 3, 2005 in Gulfport, MS. She was a native of Picayune, MS and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Troy R. and Birtie Breland Page, and step-mother Bettye Page.

She is survived by 2 sons Donald Luxich &

wife Kim of Harrison County, John Luxich, Jr. & wife Kim of Bay St. Louis, MS; daughter, Regina Spiers of Bay St. Louis, MS; 3 brothers, Donald Page & wife Sharon of OK, Johnny Williams & wife Pat of Seminary, MS, Ronnie Patton & wife Natalie of Saucier, MS; sister, Shelia Davis & husband Tim of Kiln, MS; 8 grandchildren, Douglas Spiers, Jr., Macayla Spiers, Miniah Munger, John Luxich, III, William Luxich, Andrew Cospelich, Robbie Cospelich, Jenny Cospelich, and a Grandson, Jackson

Cospelich, and many nieces & nephews.

The visitation was held on Friday, October 7, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. until Prayer Service time at 12 noon at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. Interment will follow in Old Lee Town Cemetery in Picayune, MS. In Lieu of flowers the family request donations to the Peggy Luxich Family at 9300 Dogpatch, Kiln, MS 39556.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge.

PATRICIA MEEKS
Patricia Jeanette

Meeks, 60, of Waveland, MS died Monday, August 29, 2005 in Waveland, MS.

She was born in Chicago, IL and has lived in Waveland, MS for the past 24 years. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Stanley & Julia Macaig Siwiec.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Ray Meeks of Waveland, MS; 3 daughters, Donna Bourgeois of Mandeville, LA, Susan Heine of Waveland, MS, Diane Capo of Diamondhead,

MS; brother, Thomas Siwiec of GA; sister, Jeanette Grzenia of Dublin, OH; and 8 grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 10 a.m. in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

LINDA TURNER

Linda Turner, 57, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died September 27, 2005 in Ocean Springs, MS.

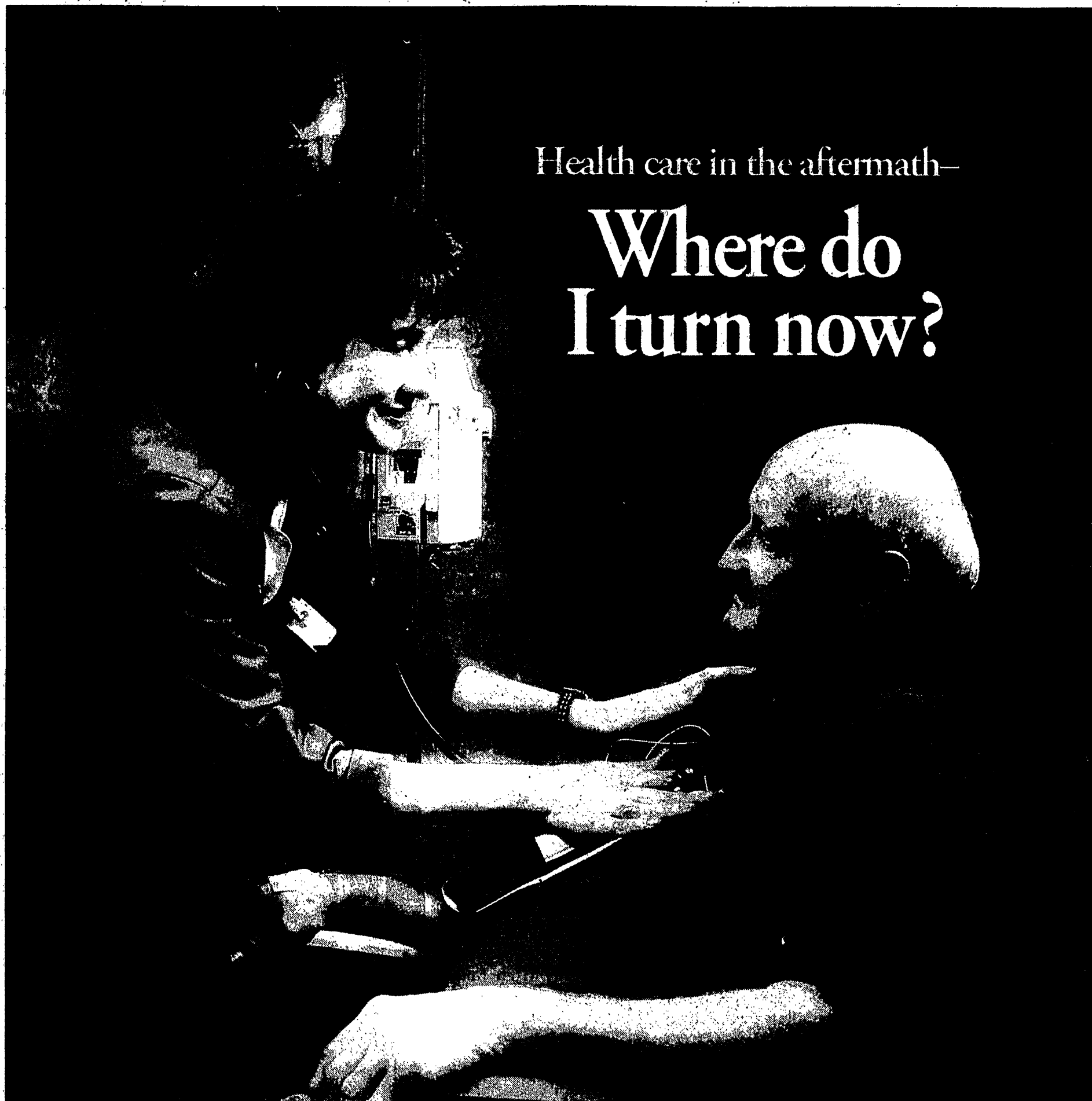
She was a retired school teacher and mem-

ber of Valena C. Jones Methodist Church.

She is survived by 2 stepsons, Walter Turner Jr. and Robert Turner, both of New Orleans, LA; 1 stepdaughter, Michelle Edwards of New Orleans; 1 sister, Elouise White of New Orleans; and 2 step-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Friday, October 7, 2005, from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral services at Valena C. Jones Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial followed in Gardens of Memory.

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Area students earning recognition are: Tina Harrell of Bay St. Louis, President's List; Jennifer Blake and Angela Dale of Diamondhead, President's List; Cynthia Ladner of Kiln, President's List.

Sports

Bay comes from behind for 22-18 win over Poplarville

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers (3-0, 2-0) came from behind with less than six minutes remaining in the game to secure a 22-18 win over division rival Poplarville. The win keeps the Tigers undefeated at 3-0 overall and 2-0 in Division 8-4A.

The Tigers looked more fluid on Friday night than two weeks which was their first game back since Hurricane Katrina struck on August 29th. It still wasn't the complete game that Bay High head coach Brennan Compretta wanted but a win is a win, nonetheless.

Compretta stated, "I was expecting us to play a little better but Poplarville had a little to do with that. Coach Mancuso at Poplarville had his team ready to play tonight. We have been able to have more practice than we had two weeks ago and are starting to come together. We will have to get better and tougher as the season progresses. However, I was pleased with the discipline of the players and how we played almost penalty free."

The Tigers were stuffed on their opening possession by Darius Hart and crew on the Hornet defense.

The Hornets took over on their own 44-yardline following the ensuing punt. Justin Rain and Ike Bowden carried the Hornets into Tiger territory before Brandon Peters exploded for a 41-yard scoring run with 7:38 of the first quarter. Bowden missed the PAT leaving the score at 6-0.

Even though the Hornets jumped out to an early lead, the Tigers responded quickly with a sustained 11-play drive that resulted in a 31-yard field goal by Kyle Moran with 1:46 left in the first quarter.

Tony Connetti started the Tiger attack with a 10-yard gain and a first down. Tyler Brush hit the airwaves and connected with Jason Sims, for an 18-yard gains to

move the sticks again.

Later in the drive Brush hooked up with Robert Labat for 14 yards and another first down before the drive stalled out and the Tigers called on Moran's leg for a boost.

On the ensuing Poplarville drive, the Tigers' Robert Labat jumped in front of a Matt Williams pass and intercepted the ball for 31-yard touchdown return with 11:50 left in the first half. Moran's PAT sailed wide left leaving the score at 9-6.

The first half seemed to see-saw between the two teams on offense and the Hornets next possession was no different. The Hornets mounted a nine-play drive that resulted in a Hornet touchdown.

The Tigers' defense led by Cory Thornton, Teddy Morris and Colby Adam had Poplarville facing a third-and-14 situation. Williams went up top to Bowden behind the Tiger defensive backfield for a 27-yard gain and a Hornet first down at the Bay High 31-yardline.

Five plays later Williams went back to the airwaves and connected with Brandon Peters for a 16-yard score with 5:42 left in the first half. Former SSC Rock-a-chaw Kyle Hughes, now suiting up with the Tigers, broke through the line and blocked Bowden's PAT leaving the score at 12-9. The first half ended with each team trading possessions twice.

The Hornets started the second half with the ball. Bowden and Rain had nice gains on the first two plays before Bay High's Travis Leahy recovered a loose ball. The Tigers took over at their own 40-yardline.

The Tigers needed only three plays to cover the 60 yards for a score. Brush went to the pass connecting with Labat for a 34-yard gain down to the Hornet 16-yardline. A personal foul on the Hornets moved the ball to the eight yardline. Two plays later, Brush

connected with Trevor Adam who bashed his way into the endzone for the score with 9:38 left in the third quarter. Moran's PAT was good giving the Tigers a 16-12 lead.

The two teams traded punts on their next two possessions before Poplarville reclaimed the lead.

On a third-and-seven situation, Chance Houston ripped off a 21-yard gain for the Hornets down to the Bay High five yardline. Williams called his own number and snuck into the endzone for the five-yard score with 11:07 left in the game. Hughes, once again, bulldozed his way into the backfield to block Bowden's PAT leaving the score at 18-16.

The Tigers moved the ball on their ensuing possession. Brush, Connetti and Labat all contributed to the ground game as the Tigers took the ball to the Hornet 32-yardline. However, a costly Tiger penalty set them back 10 yards. The Tigers fumbled the ball away after a 27-yard reception by Labat from Brush. However, the Tigers took the ball back after Poplarville fumbled on the next play on their own 18-yardline.

On the second play of the drive, Labat scored the go-ahead touchdown on an 18-yard run with 5:52 left in the game. The two-point conversion by Bay High failed leaving the score at 22-18.

Labat ended the Hornets' next scoring threat with his second interception of the game, at the Hornet 48-yardline.

Compretta continued, "Defensively, we held them when we needed to. Trevor Adam made the plays like a senior and four-year starter should. He is a consistent big-hitter for us. Robert Labat didn't touch the ball on offense as much as we would like him to; however, he made the plays when we called on him both on the ground and through the air."

Tyler Brush threw for 117 yards and a touchdown on 8-for-16 passing. Labat had 117 yards in total offense for the Tigers including a touchdown reception. Defensively, the Tigers were led by Trevor Adam who recorded 10 total tackles, a forced fumble and sack. Cory Thornton and Teddy Morris also added 9 tackles each in the game while Labat added seven tackles and two picks.

The Tigers will tangle with the Pass Christian Pirates next Friday at a site that has not been determined. The game will either be played at Bay High or Long Beach since Pass Christian's McDonald Field was decimated by flood waters from Hurricane Katrina. The Pirates lost to the Picayune Maroon Tide 28-9 in Division 8-4A action on Friday night.

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Sports

Hawks soar despite loss

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Contributing Writer

Five weeks ago, the Hancock Hawks began their season with a disappointing loss to cross town rival Bay High. Two days after that game, Hurricane Katrina changed the lives of everyone in Hancock County.

Hancock High School made a decision last week to finish its football season, and the Hawks are playing a seven game district schedule. It is a tall order, considering the Hawks lost nearly a third of their team because of Katrina, including seven starters. The Hawks, however, do not want anyone to feel sorry for them or to expect anything less. "We are here to play football. I'm so thankful to have the chance to finish my senior season," said Donovan Saucier. "I had a chance to go to another school in Jackson, but my heart is here, this is where I wanted to finish the season," said senior Colin Miller.

The Hawks started practice on Monday, and armed with 25 junior high players that dressed out for the game, the Hawks traveled to Ocean Springs Friday night to play the #1 team on the Gulf Coast the Ocean Springs Greyhounds (3-1).

The Hawks held their own for nearly three quarters against the powerful Greyhounds, but the starters playing both ways eventually wore the Hawks down late, and the Greyhounds added some scores for a 42-6 final score.

The Hawks played with heart and pride and they made all of the parents and fans of Hancock

High School proud, not just because they played, but because of the way they played. The kids of Hancock County may not have been winners on the football field Friday night, but they were winners in the game of life.

The Hawks took advantage of the high emotion to start the game. Andrew Smith took the opening kickoff in at the five. Great blocking opened up a huge hole, and Smith rumbled 47 yards to the Greyhound 48. The Hawks started on offense, and after a short run by Smith, a personal foul penalty on the Greyhounds gave the Hawks a first down at the 32. Two plays later, Braxton Necaise sent a beautiful pass over the middle that was hauled in by Chris Jochum in the endzone. The Hawks had shocked the Greyhounds, and took a 6-0 lead. The point after failed.

The Greyhounds took over at the 36, after the kickoff. The Hawks defense quickly made two nice plays, as Braxton Necaise stopped a run for no gain, and a swarm of Hawks led by Chase Mciver and Brently Necaise stopped the next play for a nine yard loss. The Greyhounds then went to the air, and their All-American tight-end Richard Dixon. Dixon had a 36-yard catch, and seven plays later Dixon hauled in a 17-yard touchdown. The point after made the score 7-6 with 6:00 to play in the first.

After a Hawks punt, the Greyhounds put together a seven play drive that covered 66 yards, ending in an 18-yard scoring run. With 1:25 to play in the first the Greyhounds led 14-6.

The Hawks would get good defense on the Greyhounds next possession. After stuffing two runs, a bad exchange led to a fumbled, that Brently Necaise covered at the 50.

The Hawks collected a first down to the 35, after a pass interference call, but the Hawks could not get any closer, and turned the ball over on downs.

The Greyhounds would score late in the second quarter on a 56-yard bomb to Chase Cooper. The extra point made the score 21-6.

The Greyhounds made a final effort to score before the half, but Braxton Necaise intercepted a pass with :44 seconds left to stop the drive.

The Hawks defense hung tough to start the third quarter. After a 25-yard run, Brently Necaise stripped the ball from a Greyhound runner, and Jochum picked up the loose ball, and returned it to the 43 of the Greyhounds.

The Hawks offense did not do anything with the field position, and punted the ball back to the Greyhounds.

The Greyhounds took over at the 32, and they put together a seven play drive that ended the competitive part of the game. The Greyhounds would add two more scores late, and the final score was 42-6.

"The score was no indication of how hard we played. I am so proud of our kids. We are going to keep practicing and getting better. If the kids keep working hard, then we can make this season into something special," said head Coach Walt Esslinger.

The Hawks had good performances for several players. Andrew Smith

carried 15 times for 80 yards, including an exciting 36-yard run in which Smith broke five tackles, Smith also added a 19-yard reception. Braxton Necaise completed 4 of 14 passes for 82 yards. Drew Malley had a 20-yard catch, and Drew Esslinger had a 12-yard catch.

On defense, Brently Necaise had 13 tackles, with a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Kevin Lafontaine and Jesse Stennet had good games up front with seven tackles each. Chase Mciver and Trey Mcleoud had six tackles.

"These kids squeezed every ounce of energy they had tonight. It's going to be exciting to see what the kids can do" Esslinger said.

The Hawks travel to Pascagoula next week.

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Notice of Public Hearing to Amend the Floodplain Management Regulations of The City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

A Public Hearing will be held before the Bay St. Louis City Council on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Depot, 1928 Depot Way, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to consider an amendment to the Bay St. Louis Floodplain Management Regulations which will involve adoption of the Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance promulgated by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

Those persons interested in information regarding the proposed amendment can call the temporary City Hall at (228) 463-7120 between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:30 pm on Monday thru Saturday. In addition, copies of the proposed amended ordinance are available for inspection and copying at the Bay St. Louis Depot at 1928 Depot Way, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and the Bay St. Louis Fire Department at the corner of Bookster St. and Old Spanish Trail, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Ray Farrish
Acting City Clerk
October 7, 2005

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Pass gives gutsy performance in Picayune

BY STEVE SMITH
Contributing Writer

The Pass High Pirates have a long road ahead of them. With their stadium ruined they will play all their games on the road. Friday that road took them to Picayune, Mississippi to face the Maroon Tide

with a squad that is still missing a few players that began the season with the team. In a gutsy performance against a strong opponent, the Pirates came up short in a 28 to 9 loss.

Coach Causey smiled warmly and beamed, "I'm proud of these guys. They played

hard." Indeed they did.

The Pirates got on the board first with a 60 yard drive sparked by strong rushing by Jaren and Shane Bowser, crisp execution by quarterback Chad Moore and aggressive line blocking. A 36 yard scoring run by Jonathan Willis put the Pirates up 6 to 0 with

just under four minutes left in the first quarter. A two point conversion failed.

The Maroon Tide came roaring back with a 47 yard scamper by Courtney McDougale and Erveng Gonzalez kicked the PAT, putting the Tide up 7 to 6.

After managing only

one first down on the next possession, the Pirates punted, or kicked rather, and the Tide offense took the field. Coach Causey, using the talent available to the maximum effect, has abandoned the long snapper/punter model for a kick from placement strategy to great advan-

tage. Jonathan Willis' kicks from placement on fourth down pinned the Tide deep on their end of the field often enough.

One of these kicks was returned to mid-field, and McDougale struck again from 53 yards out and the Tide went up

Extended filing deadline for disaster unemployment

The filing period to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), has been extended to November 30, 2005, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDBS) announced today.

"The original 30-day filing deadline of October 7, 2005 was extended due to the widespread dislocation of workers and damage to the affected areas by Hurricane Katrina", said Liz Barnett, Director of the MDBS Office of Public Information.

DUA provides financial assistance to individuals whose employment or self-employment has been lost or interrupted as a direct result of the major disaster. Claims for DUA can be filed in Mississippi by calling toll-free, 1-888-844-3577, or visiting any open WIN Job Center in the state, including the Biloxi office. Temporary offices have been established at six locations on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The mobile units are located in Pascagoula on Denny Avenue, Ocean Springs on Bienville Boulevard, Gulfport on Highway 49, Long Beach on Pineville Road, Waveland on Highway 90 & 603, and Picayune on Cooper Road. Other means of filing claims will be available very soon.

DUA has been authorized for individuals who resided or worked in the following 47 counties: Adams, Amite, Attala, Claiborne, Choctaw, Clarke, Copiah, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Warren, Wayne, Wilkinson, Winston, and Yazoo. Claimants are entitled to apply and may be eligible to receive unemployment benefits of \$210 per week.

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A Message of Thanks

George Schloegel
President and CEO, Hancock Bank

We at Hancock Bank have always known the people of the Gulf South are resilient. Now, in these days following Katrina, our community spirit shines its brightest. The determined, roll-up-your-sleeves commitment of so many—our Hancock employees, countless first responders, military units, utility crews and relief teams from across America—sustains our hope. And hope is central to rebuilding this special place we call home.

In keeping with our region's historically tough resolve to overcome adversity, Hancock Bank opened some of its branches less than 24 hours after the storm. And our momentum only continues to build.

This week, we are happy to become the first downtown Gulfport bank to reopen, operating in the space that was our Main office from 1939 until 1981. We've launched the restoration of our One Hancock Plaza headquarters, a cornerstone of the Gulfport business district. And we now have 36 conveniently located financial centers serving South Mississippi, each with local experts dedicated to helping our cities and towns recover.

- Every day, more branches are opening, and more ATMs are coming online. Banking is also just a click away at www.hancockbank.com.

To our Hancock Bank family—employees, customers, shareholders and directors—and to all the folks who are shaping the opportunities of a Gulf South renaissance, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Together, we can light the way for exciting new growth. *Together, we rebuild.*



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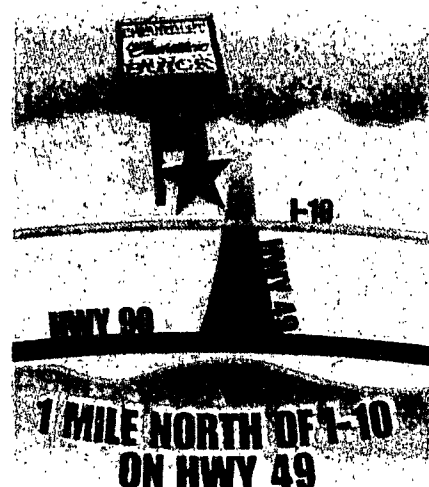
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MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION Executive Director Shaman Smith, second from left, toured Hancock County Libraries last week to assess the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. Pictured with Smith are, from left, David Woodburn, Hancock County Library System Assistant Director; Prima Plaque, Hancock County Library System Director; and Linda McKay, Hancock County Library System Financial Officer. The Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library suffered extensive water damage. The building is currently being cleaned and dried and repairs will soon be made to the facility. The Waveland Public Library and the Pearlington Public Library are both standing, but gutted and everything has been lost. The Kiln Library is open seven days a week for traditional library services and recovery assistance. For information call 321-837-6441.

Kiln Library provides library referral and recovery services

The Kiln Public Library at 17065 Highway 603 is open extended hours seven days a

week for library and recovery assistance services. Hours are Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone

numbers are 321-837-6440 and 321-837-6441.

Traditional library services, as well as Internet access, a public phone bank, and copier services are available at the library. A Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) is located in the meeting room.

Persons countywide

needing debris cleanup or furniture removal can contact the center. Persons or organizations needing clerical assistance in sorting and distributing donations and supplies can also contact the center. Anyone interested in volunteering to perform services should register by calling or visiting

the library or VRC.

The Mississippi Department of Health is offering free testing of well water at the Kiln Public Library. Staff members can provide you with a sample bottle and instructions for taking the sample. The Kiln Public Library is a branch of the Hancock County Library System.

Support continues flowing from Alabama

THE ECHO

The only fire department able to keep going full steam, despite losses during and after Hurricane Katrina, was Leetown in Hancock County. Fire fighters from Orange Beach, Alabama were right there supporting them every step of the way. Working together, Leetown and Orange Beach cleared roads, removed trees from the tops of houses and helped people combat the disaster.

And Alabama is coming back. This time instead of donating sweat and muscle they are

bringing a much needed fire truck to help replace those lost in the hurricane.

The truck will arrive tomorrow morning, Wednesday, October 5, at 9 a.m. at the Leetown Volunteer Fire Department on 24440 Rester Road off Highway 43 in Northwest Hancock County.

"The value of the truck cannot be over estimated," said Fire Chief Greg Lander. "This donation is exactly what Leetown needs to get us moving again. We are very grateful to Orange Beach Fire Department."

Clothes distribution center operating in Hancock County

A clothes distribution center for Hancock county has been set up in St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead. The center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Volunteers have sorted and sized the clothing for easy selection. There is an abundance of baby clothes. Shoes, hats, socks are also available for children and adults. There are some linens at the center. These items have been donated by caring Americans.

PRCC classes resume in Hancock County

THE ECHO

Pearl River Community College classes have resumed this week in Hancock County at the Stennis International Airport and Hancock High School.

PRCC's Hancock Center, located on U.S. 90, was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The center had four classrooms, a conference room and some offices. It opened for the first time in January. Portable classrooms are now

being used for PRCC classes.

"Even though we have lost some students, our Board of Trustees made a commitment that if we had just two people in a class in Hancock County, we would teach the class," said PRCC President William Lewis. "We are adapting to the situation. We will recover from Hurricane Katrina and be stronger than before."

Hancock County, which is also home to

Stennis Space Center, is one of six counties that make up PRCC's district.

"We remain committed to serving the people in Hancock County," said Dr. John Grant, Vice President for Instruction. "We are encouraged by number of students who are committed to continue their college studies with Pearl River."

For information about PRCC class offerings in Hancock County, call 601-403-1269.

Area businesses contact the Hancock Chamber to register your business needs

All area business owners are requested to contact the Hancock Chamber to register your status and business needs. Specifically, the Chamber is requesting a list of goods and services needed by area businesses. This information will be distributed to other businesses throughout the County who wish to help by donating needed goods and services. Please stop by the new temporary Chamber Office or contact the Chamber by phone to

complete a survey. The Chamber also wants to know when you are open for business so this information can be promoted throughout the community. Staff is currently operating at Coast Electric Power, rg.

Association Conference Center, US Highway 90 and Main Street in Bay St. Louis, MS. Phone: 228-467-9033. Fax: 228-467-6033, tish@hancockchamber.org, www.hancockchamber.org.

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Hurricane expert probes Katrina's impact, prospect of more storms

THE ECHO

A Mississippi State hurricane expert whose waterfront home was swept away by Hurricane Katrina says the Aug. 29 monster—with a gigantic storm surge approaching 35 feet—set a new standard for U.S. catastrophes.

Pat Fitzpatrick also predicts more big storms may be on the way—and soon.

An associate research professor at the Stennis Space Center office in Hancock County of the university's GeoResources Institute, Fitzpatrick said Katrina's "catastrophic" effects have changed the face of the Southern United States.

"What remains in the aftermath of this horrific storm is total devastation," added the New Orleans native and author of "Hurricanes: A Reference Handbook." Scheduled for release in November by ABC-CLIO, the 325-page book will be his second on the subject.

GeoResources Institute director David Shaw called Fitzpatrick a "tremendous resource for Mississippi and the nation" on the topic of hurricanes, and said his work "complements GRI's multi-disciplinary team of researchers and professionals."

"Hurricane Katrina is likely to be recorded as the worst natural disaster in the history of the United States," said Fitzpatrick, whose two-story townhouse on Lake Pontchartrain's north shore was demolished by the storm. "The extent of the devastation to property and human lives from this hurricane is yet to be measured."

The MSU researcher, now living and working temporarily in Starkville, said computer simulations measuring Katrina's storm surge near the mouth of the Pearl River on the Mississippi-Louisiana state line were performed by GRI scientists at Stennis. The data was gathered with the cooperation of WorldWinds Inc., a Stennis-based weather company.

"Storm surge values of 30-33 feet can be seen west of Bay St. Louis," he said.

personally think the model is still resulting in storm surge values that are two to three feet too low. But it does a very good job showing the overall flow pattern and inland penetration of the storm surge."

Fitzpatrick said GRI scientists currently are working on a proposal that would utilize the



A Mississippi State researcher theorizes that the destruction wrought by Hurricane Katrina could only be the beginning of a pattern as larger, fiercer storms brew in the Gulf.

storm-surge model to investigate new levee configurations in Mississippi and Louisiana. They also would study the impact of wetland erosion and man-made canals—such as the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet—on the storm surge in Louisiana, he said.

Fitzpatrick, who was born in New Orleans right after Hurricane Betsy in 1965, said Katrina initially made landfall just south of Buras, La., with winds of 140 miles an hour as a Category 4 storm. It was a Category 3 hurricane with winds of 125 miles per hour by the time it hit the Mississippi-Louisiana line hours later, he added.

"Although Katrina weakened as she moved inland, she remained a hurricane 100 miles inland near Laurel," he continued. "Only when reaching Clarksville, Tenn., some 440-plus miles away [on the Tennessee-Kentucky border], did Katrina downgrade to a tropical depression" five days later.

Technically not as strong at landfall as historic Hurricane Camille—which devastated the Mississippi coast in 1969 with winds of near 200 miles an hour and a 25-foot storm surge—Fitzpatrick noted Katrina was a "significantly larg-

er storm." It had an eye about 35 miles across, compared to Camille's tightly wound eight-mile-wide eye.

Katrina's hurricane-force winds extended 120 miles from the storm center compared to Camille's 60 miles, and tropical storm-force winds reached 230 miles outwards compared to Camille's 180 miles," he said. "Katrina also moved slower than Camille, thereby increasing the storm surge potential and time of wind exposure."

Unfortunately, Fitzpatrick suggests more big storms may be looming. According to a Sept. 28 report in the Los Angeles Times, meteorologists examining the conditions that spawned hurricanes Katrina and Rita say there is a strong likelihood that another intense hurricane will occur this month.

"We are probably 10 years into a 30-year cycle of above average hurricane activity, especially major hurricanes," said Fitzpatrick, who also lived on the Louisiana Gulf Coast and in Houston, Texas, as a youth.

The scientist said a one-degree warming of Gulf waters since 1995—a primary cause of increasing hurricane activity—may be directly related to the so-called "ocean conveyor belt system." The

system involves cyclical salinity changes in the northern Atlantic that, operating on a scale of 30 years, speed up or slow down ocean currents, and in turn make the ocean warmer or cooler than normal.

"The historical record shows that the late 1920s through the 1960s were prolific in terms of major hurricanes, followed by nearly 25 years of much fewer major hurricanes from 1971-94," he said. "Unfortunately, this downturn corresponded with unparalleled coastal development and a population largely unaware of past hurricane activity."

"Regrettably, it also appears this quiet trend ended in 1995 when 19 storms occurred, followed by above average hurricane seasons in most years since," Fitzpatrick added. "Even more alarming is that this active phase probably will continue for another 20 years, perhaps more."

MSU research vice president Colin Scanes said the GRI—which includes faculty from 22 departments within six colleges or units of the university—is a "world leader in advancing the state of the art in spatial technologies and resource management."

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BellSouth opens business service center

BellSouth (NYSE: BLS) announced last week that in its ongoing effort to help businesses in the Gulfport/Biloxi area, a local service center tent has been opened to service local business owners. Beginning today, BellSouth representatives are available in an open-air storefront where business customers can come and talk with BellSouth communication experts one-on-one. In the service center, business owners will be able to:

- Check specific locations where service is available
- Free phone, Internet, and Wi-Fi HotSpot Access
- Re-establish phone service, high-speed Internet service and more at a current, new or temporary location
- Purchase onsite routers, modems, handsets and other equipment
- Receive print and CD copies of the Gulf coast, MS area edition of The Real Yellow Pages

The service center is located at 10000 Factory Shops Boulevard, Gulfport MS 39503 and is open from 8AM-6PM Monday-Saturday.

"There is an enormous need to help small businesses in getting back up on their feet," says David Scobey, president-BellSouth Small Business Services. "In this service center, customers can access the communication tools they need to continue their business and stay in touch with their customers."

About BellSouth Corporation

BellSouth Corporation is a Fortune 100 communications company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. BellSouth has

joint control and 40 percent ownership of Cingular Wireless, the nation's largest wireless voice and data provider with 51.6 million customers.

More information about BellSouth can be found at www.bellsouth.com. More information about BellSouth Small Business can be found via www.bellsouth.com/smallbusiness or by calling 1-866-620-6000.

Billing and Information

Residents and contractors can help BellSouth restore voice and data services to the Mississippi Gulf Coast by using caution when excavating debris. One cut or damaged cable or piece of telephone equipment can leave hundreds or thousands of customers without service and needlessly diverts resources necessary for rebuilding the communications infrastructure.

Customers with questions about BellSouth billing or credit for being out of service should call:

- Consumer: 888-757-6500
 - Small Business: 866-620-6000
- Customers wishing to call BellSouth for repair should call:
- Consumer: 877-737-2478
 - Small Business: 866-620-6900

BellSouth telephone bank locations in Mississippi

All local and long distance calls made from these BellSouth telephone banks are free of charge. Access is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Kiln - Highway 603

and Kiln-Delisle Road (at Dolly's Quick Stop)

- Waveland - 342 Highway 90 (Tire Town Team)

- Diamondhead - 1-10 exit (near Chevron Station)

- Bay St. Louis - 297 Highway 90 (near Subway)

Harrison County

- Pass Christian (2 locations) - 808 West Second Street (by the fire station), and Fletias and Second Street

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What does BellSouth have to do to get customers on the Gulf Coast back in service?

A. The BellSouth family is working around the clock to restore service to customers who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina. We expect to have service restored to the majority of customers by October 31. However, in some of the more severely affected areas, such as those customers south of the railroad tracks, we expect the restoration time to be longer.

BellSouth's ability to restore telephone service has been affected by external factors such as loss of electrical power and flooding. Our restoration and repair efforts began as soon as commercial power became available and it was safe for our field teams to enter the affected areas. Given the scope of the damage, however, complete restoration in the hardest hit areas will take more time than we would like. Rest assured that BellSouth is working diligently to restore service to all of the impacted areas as soon as possible.

Q. What, if any, adjustments will be

made to BellSouth customers' bills?

A. Residential customers in the affected areas who have inoperable lines will receive bill credits based on their specific circumstances. For more information, customers can call the BellSouth customer service center at 1-888-757-6500 or send an e-mail to www.bellsouth.com/contactus.

If a customer has received a bill that includes charges for time when they have not had service, they need to call the customer service center at 1-888-757-6500.

Business customers who have questions about their service can visit the BellSouth Service Center tent at Prime Factory Outlet Shops, 10000 Factory Shops Boulevard in Gulfport. This service center is open 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Saturday. At this Business Service Center business customers can come and talk with BellSouth communication experts one-on-one.

Q. What are BellSouth service options for customers affected by Katrina who may be temporarily displaced from their homes and cannot use their home phone service?

A - Customers temporarily displaced by

Hurricane Katrina have several options with regards to their BellSouth service:

- (1) transferring service, (2) suspending service, or (3) disconnecting service.

Transferring service lets you move your service to a new location in the BellSouth region.

- Choose this service if you have relocated temporarily or permanently and need to move your service to your new address.

If you decide to transfer your service due to damage from Hurricane Katrina, BellSouth will establish service at your temporary location or your new home within the nine-state BellSouth region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee) with no connection charge.

- If you eventually move back to your home, BellSouth also will transfer service back to your original location at no charge.

Suspending service lets you temporarily suspend your service for a month or more.

- Choose our suspend/restore service if you plan to return to your residence within a few months and want to keep your current phone number.

During the suspension period, a recording can be placed on your line to advise callers of another number where you can be reached.

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Disconnecting service lets you permanently disconnect your service.

Choose Disconnect if you are permanently relocating outside the nine-state BellSouth region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee), or if you no longer need phone service.

View contact information for disconnecting your service at www.bellsouth.com/contactus.

For assistance with your BellSouth Internet service, please call 1-888-321-2375.

Corps of Engineers Public Notice on dredge and fill

Emergency permitting guidance for the repair and replacement of structures and dredge or fill projects associated with damage from Hurricane Katrina

The people living within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Mobile District, south of the Tennessee Divide and east of the Pearl River watershed, need to check their original U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit for repairing or replacing serviceable structures destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Under existing Nationwide Permit Number (NWP) 3, Corps approval is granted to repair and replace structures that were previously permitted.

In certain circumstances, dredging or filling shorelines, lots or previously-authorized fills on lots eroded by Hurricane Katrina may be authorized under NWP 3 or 18. Removal of vessels or storm debris from wetlands may be authorized under NWP

22. Dredging to restore navigable access to previously authorized marinas may be authorized under NWP 35. However, you must contact the Mobile District Regulatory Division at (251) 694-3776 prior to starting work to ensure the activity meets the requirements of the NWP authorization.

For those actions outside the scope of the NWP program, the following procedures will be used:

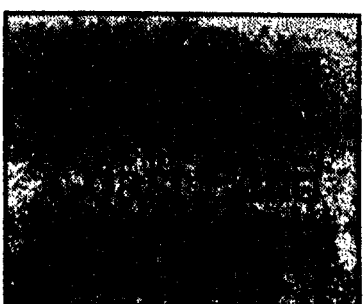
A. Emergency permitting requests will be reviewed to determine if an emergency situation does exist. An emergency is a situation that will result in a hazard to life or significant loss of property. An emergency can also be an immediate, unforeseen, significant economic hardship that requires a Corps permit to take corrective action but the situation cannot wait for the normal permit evaluation process.

B. If the Corps' tentative determination is that

the proposed action is an emergency, descriptions of the proposed action will be faxed to representatives of each of the commenting federal agencies, as well as the state agencies responsible for Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Consistency.

C. A decision will be made by the Corps after review by the agencies. For most projects, it is anticipated that agency coordination will be completed within 24-48 hours.

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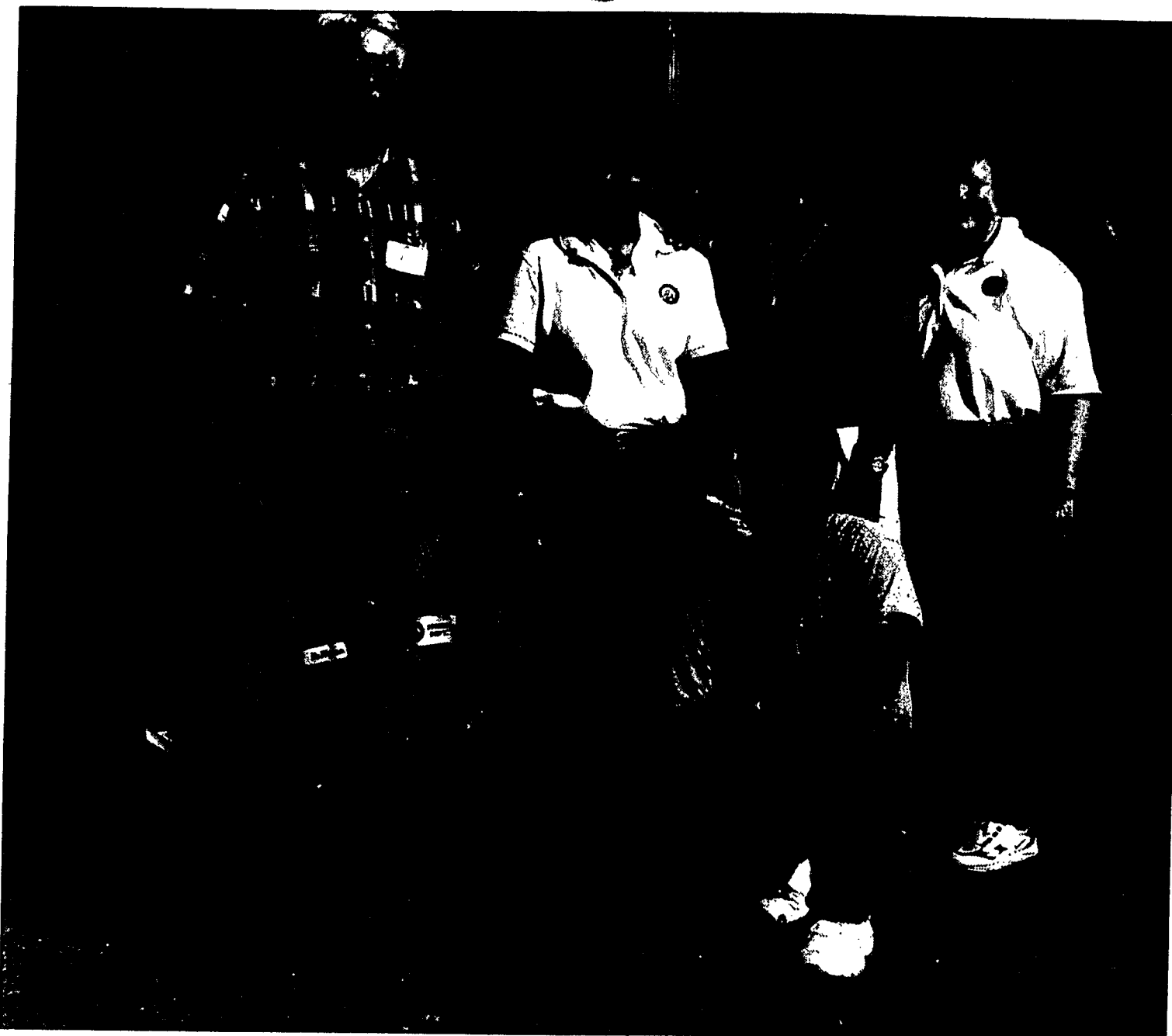
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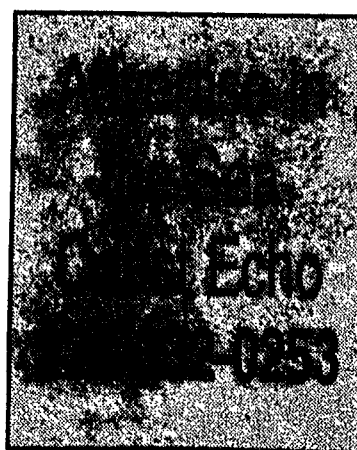
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Congressman Roger Wicker, MS 1st District
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Congressman Gene Taylor has set up a temporary office at the Old Train Depot in Bay St. Louis. He is working with FEM to help residents overcome hurdles with the agency. Some residents who registered for assistance were declined.

U.S. Senators
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CPSC warns of new dangers among Hurricane Katrina victims from deadly CO poisonings

With a sharp increase in the number of carbon monoxide related deaths among Gulf Coast residents stemming from the unsafe use of outdoor portable generators in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) today announced a major new initiative urging hurricane victims to avoid a potentially fatal situation by never using these generators indoors.

Unofficial estimates indicate at least 11 deaths and numerous injuries have been attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning stemming from portable generators used in areas with power outages. The CPSC is coordinating with the CDC and other health and safety organizations, as well as our nation's largest home improvement and hardware retailers, to provide life-saving safety warnings to Gulf Coast residents - many of whom are expected to be first time users of generators.

"As federal, state and local officials continue their important relief mission in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, thousands of families are fortunately beginning the process of returning to

their homes," said CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton. "So we're reminding all Gulf Coast residents that some of the biggest dangers lie in the aftermath of the hurricane, the greatest of which can be carbon monoxide poisoning."

Stratton provided hurricane survivors with these important life-saving tips:

- Never use a portable generator indoors - including garages, basements, crawlspaces and sheds. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in the home.

- During use, keep portable generators outdoors and far away from open doors, windows and vents, which can allow CO to build up indoors.

- If you start to feel sick, dizzy or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air right away. The CO from generators can readily lead to full incapacitation and death.

- Keep generators dry and wait for the rain to pass before using a generator. Consumer-grade generators are not weatherproof and can pose the risk of electrocution and shock when used in wet conditions.

- Do not connect the generator directly into

your home's electrical system through a receptacle outlet - this is an extremely dangerous practice that poses a fire hazard and an electrocution hazard to utility workers and neighbors served by the same transformer.

- If using a generator, plug individual appliances into heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cords and plug cords into the generator.

- Check that the extension cords have a wire gauge adequate for the appliance loads and have all three prongs, including a grounding pin.

- Keep charcoal grills outside. Never use them indoors. Burning charcoal in an enclosed space can produce lethal levels of carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Check to make sure your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms have batteries and are working.

Wet Carpets and Furniture Are Dangerous to your Health

- Discard water-damaged mattresses, wicker furniture, straw baskets and the like that have been water damaged. These cannot be recovered.

- Throw out wet room-size carpets, drapes, upholstered furniture,

stuffed toys, ceiling tiles and anything that can't be picked up and cleaned by dry cleaning, steam cleaning or put in a washing machine or dryer.

- Remove and replace wet insulation.

- Microorganisms may grow in these water-damaged products and may cause allergic reactions and infections. For more information, go to <http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSC/PUB/PUBS/425.html>

Avoid Electrical and Gas Hazards

- Look for signs that your appliances have gotten wet. Discard electrical or gas appliances that have been wet because they pose electric shock and fire hazards.

- Before using your appliances, have a professional or your gas or electric company evaluate your home and replace all gas control valves, circuit breakers, and fuses that have been under water.

Dangers to Children

- Medicines and chemicals should be thrown away. Water may have infected this integrity of the medicine. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services offers additional safety tips. For more information, go to <http://www.hhs.gov/new>

[s/broadcast/2005/CrawfordMedicationSafety.html](http://www.broadcast/2005/CrawfordMedicationSafety.html)

- Young children and water don't mix. Watch children around buckets, tubs and standing water in and around the home. Even small amounts of water can be a drowning hazard.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction.

Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$700 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or

can injure children. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

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water is recommended to be stored under cool (at or less than room temperature) and

dark conditions, away from the presence of chemical vapors that could permeate the

plastic container. The effect of sunlight and high temperature over time is to degrade the

plastic bottle material, resulting in a reduction in the aesthetic taste qualities of the water.

Depending on the production process, storage under warm conditions in the presence of sunlight may also stimulate microbial growth in the water over time, since a disinfectant is not generally added to the product.

Recommendations

1) Do not use bottled water that exceeds the manufacturer's expiration date.

2) Store bottled water under conditions that does not expose containers to direct sunlight.

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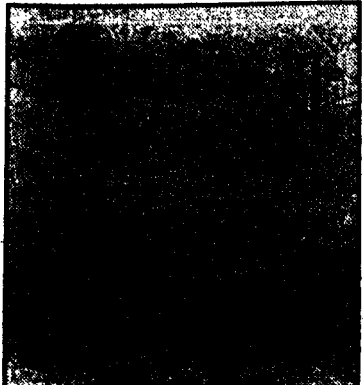
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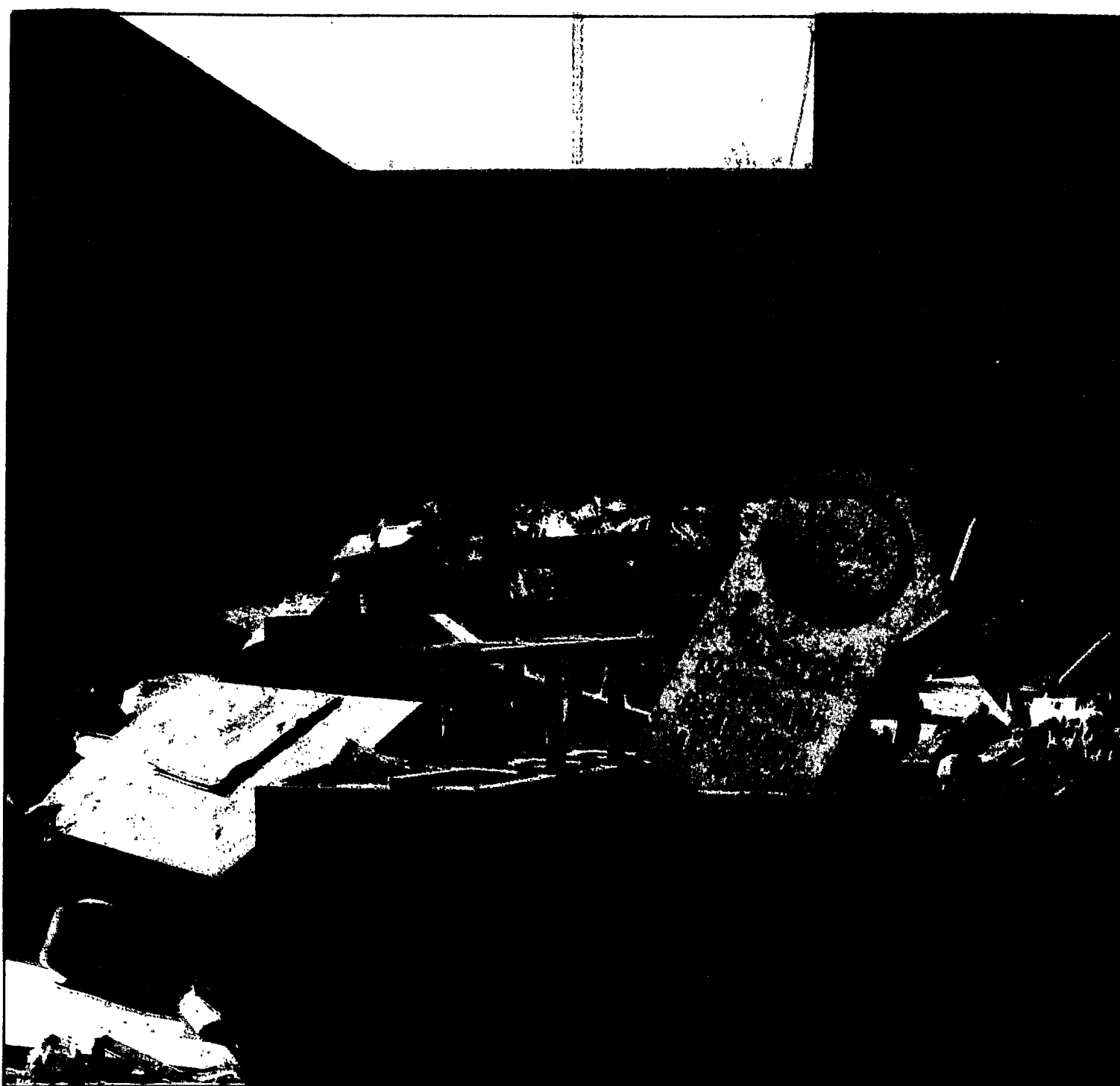
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The Hancock County Chamber Beautification Committee's pre-Hurricane Katrina "Clean and Beautiful at Work Award" gets an ironic placement in a dumpster outside the Sea Coast Echo's building at 124 Court St. in Bay St. Louis. The Echo building was severely damaged during the storm. The Echo is currently open in temporary offices at 129 Keller St. in Bay St. Louis, behind the Bay City Grill.

Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder

THE ECHO The Better Life Foundation, sponsored by the musical recording group Three Doors Down, is offering a free medical tent on Coleman Avenue in Waveland. Anyone may visit. ER doctors and nurses are available, along with medications.

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Hancock Tax Assessor/Collector's office is up and running in Kiln

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
 Staff Writer

The county tax office is up and running and able to sell car tags at the Kiln location at 16603 Hwy. 603. Ready to go ahead also is the annual property tax sale scheduled for Monday, October 24 from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. The location for the sale is not final as of press time. The sale will continue each day until the all property is sold.

The sale was originally scheduled for August 29, the day Hurricane Katrina made landfall. Property with unpaid

2004 taxes will be sold. Taxes for these properties was due in January 2005.

Late tax payers may still come to the office to

pay to avoid going to the tax sale. Property owners will be able to redeem their property, but because of the late date of the sale redemption

may not be possible till after the first of the year. Assessor Collector Jimmie Ladner said that state law requires the sale to go forward.

Tent School

The Loudoun Foundation of Virginia, in co-operation of the Bay-Waveland School District, is sponsoring a tent school at the Bay St. Louis Sports Complex adjacent to the Bay High School football stadium beginning October 11. The focus of instruction will be kindergarten through grade five, but all students through grade 12 are welcome to attend.

The group will provide school supplies and computers and will offer academic enrichment and story time.

The tent will be open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There is no cost to attend. Parents are encouraged to stop by the tent for more information.

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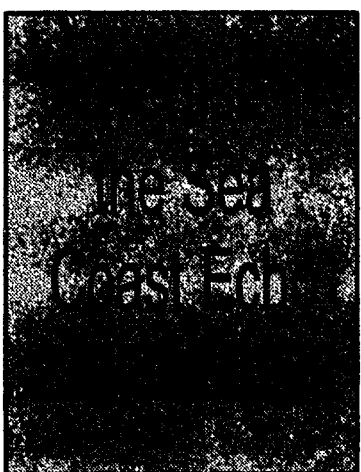
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Hancock Bank revives old location on Highway 49

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For the first time in nearly 25 years, Hancock Bank customers will once again conduct banking business within the historic confines of the bank's former headquarters, located at the corner of 14th Street and Highway 49.

Constructed in 1928, the old Hancock Bank building will serve as a full service financial center while recovery efforts continue in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The old lobby area is reminiscent of bank interiors of a bygone era, when elaborate molding and polished vault doors were the norm.

George Schloegel, CEO of Hancock Bank, said retail banking services will be available in

the old building while repairs and renovations are being made to the adjacent 15-story Hancock building. With the opening, Hancock Bank becomes the first bank to re-open in downtown Gulfport.

"It was important that we return to full banking services available to customers at our Gulfport location," Schloegel said. "Being in the old, historic portion of our complex reminds us that our roots are here on the Coast, and we will continue to pursue the task of rebuilding with our friends and neighbors."

Hancock Bank, founded in 1899, had occupied the historic building from 1939 until 1981, when the new One Hancock Plaza was opened. Since moving into One Hancock Plaza, the old bank building has housed many of the company's key operations departments as well as other operations.

Schloegel said although the old building sustained some water damage and salt spray from Hurricane Katrina,

crews were able to quickly restore the building to working order. One Hancock Plaza, the 15-story corporate headquarters of Hancock Bank, is undergoing more extensive repairs to portions of the building damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Plans include upgrades to make the building safer, stronger, and more energy efficient.

One Hancock Plaza also serves as office space for other major tenants, including Mississippi Power, Port Authority, and Harrison County Development Commission. Schloegel said no formal timeline has been announced pending completion of final designs.

"People all across the Coastal and South Mississippi community are busy putting their lives back together" said Schloegel. "Like so many others, we at Hancock Bank did not escape damage but are bouncing back and looking forward to being bigger and better than before. We are here, and

we are going to stay here. We look forward to helping the Coast rebuild."

Hancock Bank moved quickly to restore its operations following the August 29 storm, literally opening some of its banking operations 24 hours after the devastating hurricane made landfall. Within the first week after the storm, Hancock re-opened 25 branches that had been damaged. The bank currently has 38 of its Mississippi branch locations open for business. Hancock Bank also operates 47 financial centers in Louisiana and five in the Florida Panhandle.

Leo Seal, Jr., Chairman of Hancock Holding Company, said the 106-year-old bank has seen similar events over the course of its history. "Hurricane Camille dealt us a similar blow, but the Coast came back from that, and it will again. We at Hancock Bank have been on the Coast for a long time, too, and we intend to be here for a long time to come," he said.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF FIVE SHRIMP BOATS

Notice is hereby given to the owners of five shrimp boats left sitting on the Port Blenville Railroad and Utility right-of-way (R.O.W.) by Hurricane Katrina. Any boats that remain in the R.O.W. by NOON on Wednesday, October 19, 2005 will be removed by the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission IMMEDIATELY. Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission can be contacted at 228-467-9231.

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Questions regarding bids shall be directed to the offices of Airport Development Group, Inc., 3900 Lakeland Drive, Suite 501C, Jackson, MS 39232, telephone 601-932-6920, email Mike Corkern (McCorkern@adgairports.com).

A prebid conference for this project will be held at 1:00 pm CST, November 1, 2005 at the Stennis International Airport Terminal Building.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

Bids may be held by the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

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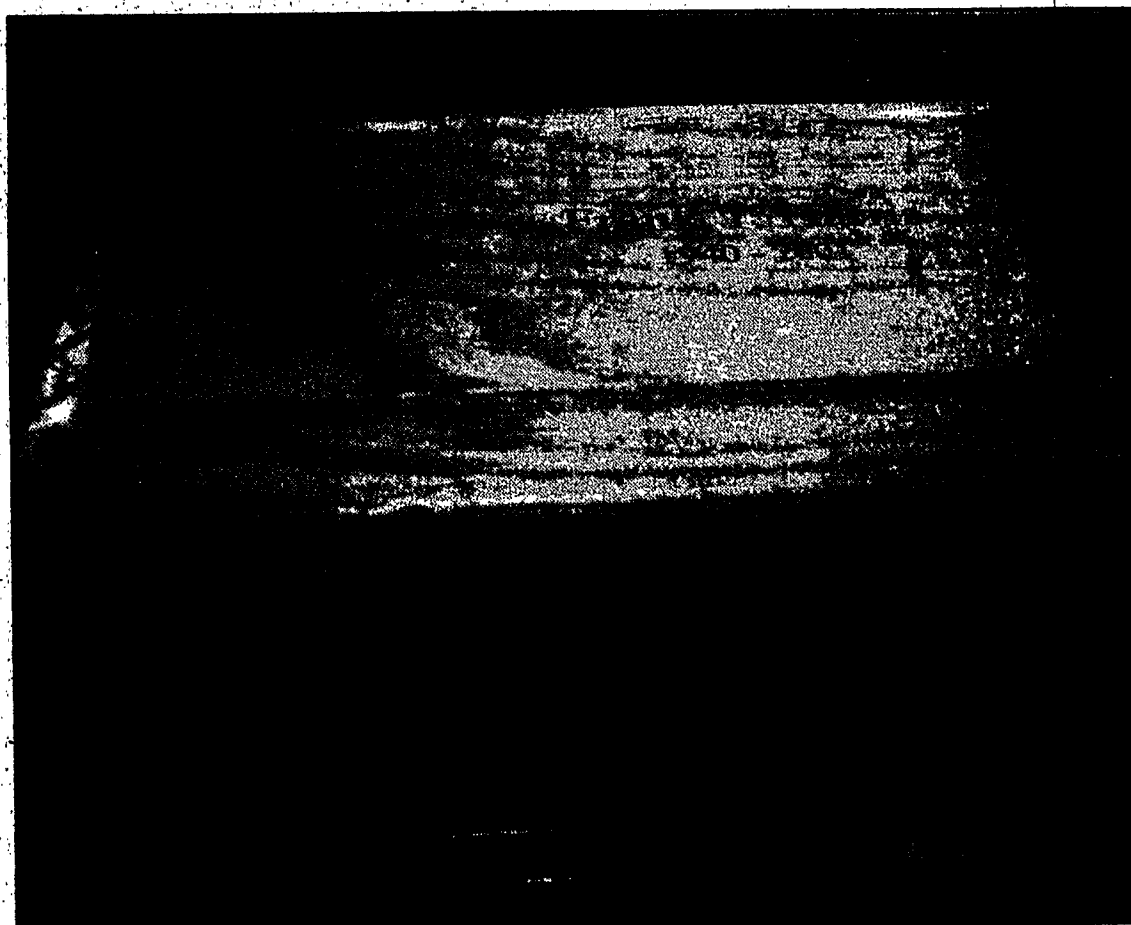
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DOT Regulation 49 CFR PART 29 - Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace

DOT Regulation 49 CFR PART 30 - Denial of Public Works Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services to Countries that Deny Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services to Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to US Contractors (Foreign Trade Restriction).

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This burial urn, apparently containing the remains of Frank T. Harris, born 1940, died 2001, was washed into a yard north of the railroad tracks in Waveland following Hurricane Katrina. To claim the urn, contact the Sea Coast Echo at 228-467-5473, or come by our office at 229 Keller Street in Bay St. Louis. (Echo photo by publisher Randy Ponder)

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